

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE ECONOMY**  
**Wednesday, April 29, 2015**

**MINUTE NO. 34**  
**3:01 p.m. – Māṁawapiwin Room (Room 8)**

1. **Present:** Gene Makowsky in the Chair and Members Larry Doke, Bill Hutchinson, Victoria Jurgens, Delbert Kirsch, Cathy Sproule\*, Don Toth and Trent Wotherspoon.

**Substituting Members**

Cathy Sproule for Trent Wotherspoon (3:01 p.m. – 4:14 p.m. only)

**Other Members**

Cam Broten

2. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of the Economy.

The following Minister and officials appeared before the committee and answered questions:

Witnesses

Ministry of the Economy

Hon. Jeremy Harrison, Minister Responsible for Immigration, Tourism Saskatchewan, Innovation and Trade

Laurie Pushor, Deputy Minister

Denise Haas, Chief Financial Officer, Revenue and Corporate Services

Alistair MacFadden, Assistant Deputy Minister, Labour Market Development

Darcy Smynciuk, Executive Director, Apprenticeship and Workforce Skills

Kirk Westgard, Executive Director, Immigration Services

Jan Kot, Acting Executive Director, Labour Market Services

Saskatchewan Apprenticeship and Trade Certification Commission

Jeff Ritter, Chief Executive Officer

Tourism Saskatchewan

Mary Taylor-Ash, Chief Executive Officer

Veronica Gelowitz, Chief Financial Officer and Executive Director, Corporate Services

3. The following documents were tabled:

**ECO 19/27 – Tourism Saskatchewan:** Tourism Saskatchewan Payee Details for 2013 – 14 Fiscal Year.

**ECO 20/27 – Ministry of the Economy:** Immigration Data – Program Integrity Investigations 2014 – 15.

4. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of the Economy. On motion of Mr. Toth:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Economy..... \$276,182,000

5. The committee considered the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy.
6. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates (Lending and Investing Activities) for the Ministry of the Economy.
7. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture.
8. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Agriculture. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Agriculture .....\$361,572,000

9. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment.
10. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Environment. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Environment .....\$160,125,000

11. The committee considered the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
12. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$841,924,000

13. The committee considered the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure.
14. The committee concluded consideration of the Supplementary Estimates (March) for the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure. On motion of Mr. Hutchinson:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2015 the following sum:

For Highways and Infrastructure.....\$28,250,000

15. The committee considered the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan.
16. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Innovation Saskatchewan. On motion of Ms. Jurgens:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Innovation Saskatchewan ..... \$30,510,000

17. The committee considered the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council.

18. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for Saskatchewan Research Council. On motion of Mr. Kirsch:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Saskatchewan Research Council ..... \$22,475,000

19. The committee considered the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation.

20. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for SaskBuilds Corporation. On motion of Mr. Doke:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For SaskBuilds Corporation..... \$13,673,000

21. The committee considered the Estimates for the Water Security Agency.

22. The committee concluded consideration of the Estimates for the Water Security Agency. On motion of Mr. Toth:

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty for the twelve months ending March 31, 2016 the following sum:

For Water Security Agency ..... \$20,477,000

23. It was moved by Mr. Kirsch:

That the Sixth Report of the Standing Committee on the Economy be adopted and presented to the Assembly.

The question being put, it was agreed to.

24. The committee adjourned at 5:42 p.m. to the call of the Chair.

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Stacey Ursulescu  
Committee Clerk

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Gene Makowsky  
Committee Chair